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## New high school on campus awaits accreditation

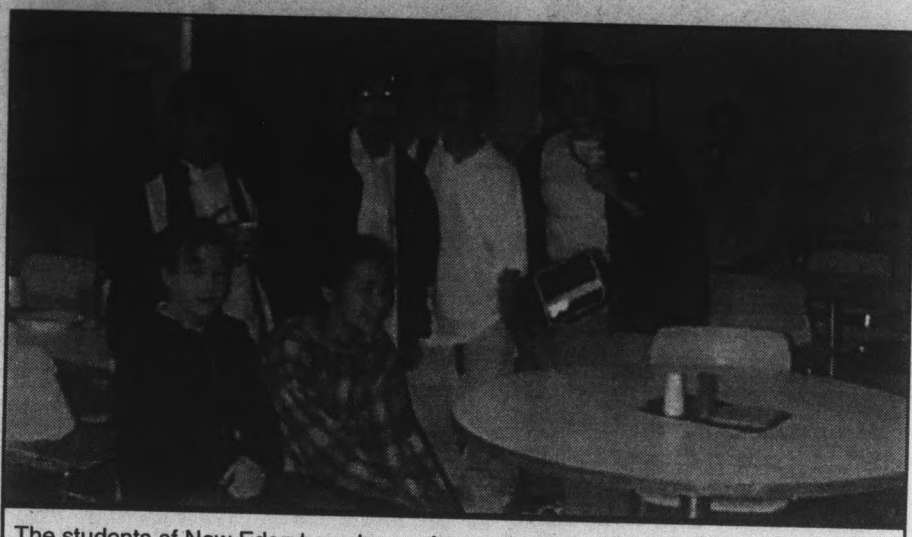
by Geetha Tharmaratnam

A newly established high school on campus has become another reason for UB's controversial image and brought local and national media to the University during the past few weeks.

The New Eden Academy, the private high school presently based in Cooper Hall, opened on September 22. It will be the first newly established boarding school in Connecticut within the last 100 years.

It has connections to the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity, commonly known as the Unification Church. At present, all 44 students and many of the staff are members of the church.

The high school was founded by the New Eden Academic Foundation and the board of trustees there appointed Hugh D. Spurgin, Ph.D., principal. Currently, there are 11 faculty and staff members, many of whom are part-time. The students, who are



The students of New Eden have been of great interest to the media for a few weeks.

between the ages of 13 and 16 years, are either in 9th or 10th grade.

Students pay a tuition of \$10,000 and a room and board of \$2,000. The school does offer partial scholarships and financial aid to those who need it. Some of this aid comes from the Unification Church and others, from busi-

nesses — some associated with the church, and others that are private.

New Eden has a very high standard of students academically, and all are honor students who study at a very advanced level, its principal said. Sev-

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## Health insurance policy to change

by Lucas Mc Cloud

There has been talk among the University community about the effectiveness of the health insurance policy of UB. While this discussion has not been resolved, there are conditions about the current policy which the Health Center feels is important to the student body.

The Health Center offers many of their services for a small fee. This fee is based on the individual, and as such, there is no set charge for the different services it provides.

One of the things that seems to confuse most students is that they think the health insurance fee paid in the beginning of the semester is used towards any treatment they receive at the Health Center.

That fee, however, is a health insurance fee, not a Health Center fee. This means that were a student ever to be severely injured, and needed hospital treatment, the insurance company that the \$440 fee goes to covers the cost of the medical bills.

Many students think this fee is actually a kind of credit system for the Health Center, in which they can deduct the cost of examination fees from the \$440.

Patricia Shuster, director of the Health Center, stresses that this is not the case, and that the fees of the Health Center are actually much less than if you were to be examined by a private doctor.

If for some reason a student can not afford the Health Center fees, then Ms. Shuster can refer the student to a free clinic in the area.

According to Ms. Shuster, the Health Center is devoted to being a "resource center for those who are injured," and is dedicated to maintaining "a state of wellness" among the student population. The Health Cen-

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## The Washington Times has to be aggressive, chief editor says

Newspapers no longer speak the language of the people, Wesley Pruden tells UB audience.

by Nickolai Kralev

The media in the United States have become strongholds of intellectual elites, and no longer speak the language of the people, which estranges them from their audience, Wesley Pruden, editor in chief of the Washington Times, said at UB on November 19.

Speaking before the University's Institute for the Study of Values and Ethics, Mr. Pruden said that "the power of the readers" of newspapers should be talked about as much as "the power of the media."

"We at the Washington Times think of what our audience would like

to see in the paper, and that determines what stories we cover," he said.

Although the Washington Times was established by the founder of the Unification Church, Mr. Pruden said that the paper enjoys full editorial independence.

"I have freedom that other editors envy," he said.

Founded as a conservative alternative of the Washington Post, the Times started as a small paper, if compared with the Post, but has since become one of the two major newspapers of the nation's capital, and the first one that the administration reads every day, said its chief editor.

"We are aggressive, but we have to be, if we want to survive the competition of the Washington Post," he said.

"We have a lot of fun at the Times, and my friends from both



Wesley Pruden

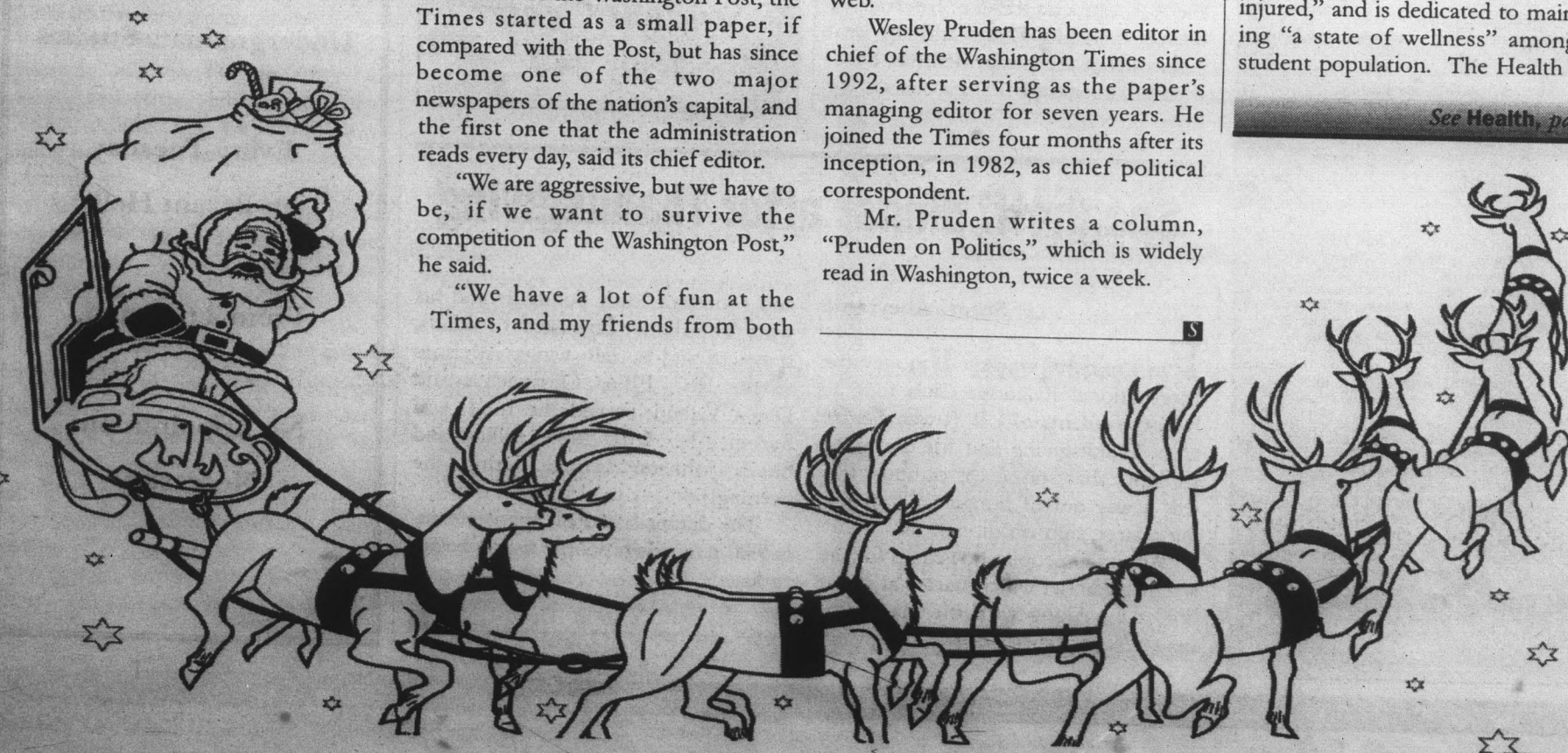
political parties accuse me of having too much fun," Mr. Pruden said.

He emphasized the role of the Washington Times in exposing the Whitewater case. Although the White House newspaper wrote that there is a media conspiracy against the Clinton administration, it was exactly at that time when Hillary Rodham Clinton asked the Times to have a regular column in our paper, Mr. Pruden recalled.

He also spoke about the increasing interest of advertisers in the Washington Times, and about the paper's website, which is rated as one of the top ten on the World Wide Web.

Wesley Pruden has been editor in chief of the Washington Times since 1992, after serving as the paper's managing editor for seven years. He joined the Times four months after its inception, in 1982, as chief political correspondent.

Mr. Pruden writes a column, "Pruden on Politics," which is widely read in Washington, twice a week.





## News

## New power plant to supply 250,000 homes

by Geetha Tharmaratnam

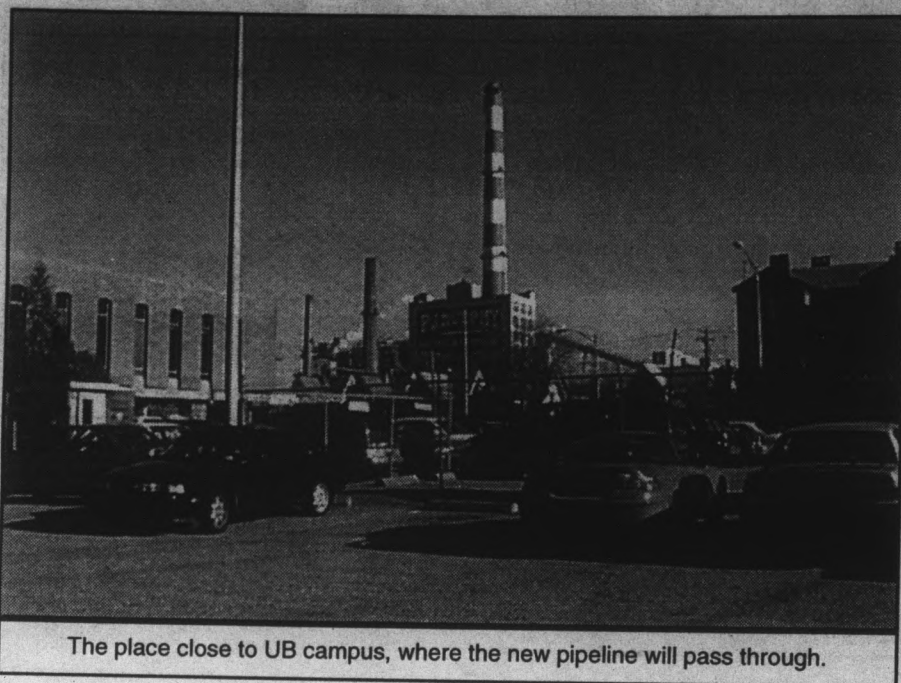
Gianna M. Howard, general manager of Bridgeport Energy LLC, spoke to the Board of Associates about the \$260 million power plant her company is building in Bridgeport. On November 20, the Board of Associates held its annual meeting at the ABC building and hosted Ms. Howard as the keynote speaker.

An 11-mile, high pressure pipeline from Shelton to Bridgeport will supply the 520 megawatt power plant with natural gas. Bridgeport Energy LLC, affiliated with Duke Energy and The United Illuminating Company, began construction on the pipeline in October. This is the first merchant power plant in New England that Duke Energy is involved in, and the largest non-nuclear generation plant in the state.

There will be 250 construction jobs allocated during the building of the eight acre facility, and when completed, 20 permanent jobs will be offered. "There have been no problems as far as physical construction. This is a major undertaking," commented Ms. Howard.

Right now, one 40 megawatt unit is being used as standby until next year. Once the reliability of the new plant is assured, it will then be retired.

The Southern Connecticut Gas Co. was contracted to build the pipeline and to maintain gas to the facility. "There are economic and environmental benefits to be gained by rely-



The place close to UB campus, where the new pipeline will pass through.

ing on natural gas," said Ms. Howard. "Natural gas is a cheaper fuel to use in the long term." Steam turbines and generators will be used at the merchant plant. These are more effective as they use their own waste heat to generate more electricity.

Opposition to the pipeline was received from concerned residents of Stratford but here in Bridgeport, residents were more welcoming. A meeting was held at Conty's Restaurant in

an effort to communicate with people in the neighborhood to let them know what to expect. There are plans to have meetings every three months to keep local residents updated on the progress of the facility.

The first phase is estimated to be completed in June 1998 and the whole facility, in 1999. When completed, it will have the capacity to provide up to 250,000 homes with power.

## Chiro College increases activity

by Michelle Sjostedt

In the past few weeks, the UB College of Chiropractic (UBCC) has made its presence on campus more apparent than it has been all semester. The students in the school have gone to great lengths to get more student involvement, beginning with bringing flyers around at Marina, and talking to students about the benefits of having the students of the UBCC check out their backs.

The chiropractic students agree that the other students on campus aren't taking advantage of the many opportunities that come with having one of the top Chiropractic schools in the nation on their campus. Visits to the Chiropractic center are free of charge, including X-rays and any procedures that are performed, yet hardly any students go to the school for help.

The Chiropractic Center offers an alternative treatment center to UB's own Health Center. There have been mixed opinions on the effectiveness of the Chiropractic Center, as some students will never even try it once, and others will go nowhere else. Whatever the opinion, the Chiropractic Center is another place students can go to seek medical treatment when they are injured.

**Scribe Meeting  
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## Spaghetti dinner after Thanksgiving

by Surovi Abeyratne

For a minimal amount of money, the International Relations Club fed the hungry students of UB. It was the day after Thanksgiving and for the many students that stayed on campus, this was a way out of hunger and spending a large sum on dinner.

About 30 people showed up for the spaghetti dinner which started at about 7:30 p.m. Along with the many students were Reverend David Snyder,

and Professor Rudy Sommers and his wife. The dinner consisted of salads, spaghetti and buffalo wings. Advisors to the IRC, Edina Oestreicher and Dawn Valenti, served the food, and Surovi Abeyratne, Mike Billica and Sheila Johnson helped during the evening.

The dinner lasted till approximately 9:00 p.m. when people slowly began to leave.

Early registration  
ruffles results

Students who pre-registered between April 14 and May 16, 1997, for this fall semester, were eligible for the drawing of the Register Early and Win a Pizza Party.

The winning students are:

Jie Bao  
Oleg Baranets  
David Fernandez  
Yumiko Furukawa  
Nefertiti Haqq  
Yuko Kitagawa  
Anusha Srinivasan  
Nicole Testo  
Kit Choong Tham  
Noranita Mohd Yusof

The winners may pick up their gift certificates at the office of the Provost in Bryant Hall between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. before December 19.

After that date, the gift certificates will be canceled. Winners must present their UB student ID to claim their prize.

As for students that pre-register for the next semester between November 17 and December 19, they will be eligible for the next drawing.

Five \$50 gift certificates will be awarded, valid at the University of Bridgeport Bookstore. Congratulations to the winners and best wishes to the entrants in the next drawing.

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## Mail adventures in dorms

by Su-Lin Lim

When one walks in the front door of the residence halls, he or she will be greeted with the sight of the mail ladies distributing his or her important mail. The mail that comes in is but a small part of a student's life, but nevertheless an important one.

Carmen Lopez, the mail lady of Bodine Hall, and Hope Johnson, the mail lady of Barnum and Seeley Halls, come in Monday through Friday between 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. For Ms. Lopez, she distributes the mail after it gets delivered to her at around 11:30 a.m. However, Ms. Johnson receives the mail about 12 p.m., where she will distribute the mail first at Barnum Hall, and then at Seeley Hall.

"I think I am doing a good job. I

am getting better now. So far, there hasn't been any complaints about me," Ms. Lopez says. Emnet Kflu, the resident director of Bodine Hall, echoes her words, "I think she is doing great."

However, some residents of Bodine Hall do not share this sentiment. They think that the mail gets in too late, and sometimes, the mail lady does not come in at all to distribute the mail, and students get their mail late.

According to Ms. Lopez, she comes in most of the time, but might not come in if she is not feeling well or her kids are not feeling well. When asked what would happen to the mail if she does not come in, she said, "If I don't come in, the mail just does not get distributed."

But what if a student is waiting for a very important mail? In reply, the



Carmen Lopez



Hope Johnson

resident director says, "If the mail lady does not come in and the student needs the mail badly, he or she could ask the RA on duty to check the mail and see whether his or her mail is there or not. We usually do not distribute the mail to residents as the mail is a sensitive issue and we could be sued if something goes wrong, but if it is very urgent, we could look for the mail for the resident. However, there haven't been any complaints as of yet about the mail."

Ms. Johnson says, "There haven't been any complaints about me. I am usually here. If I'm not here, it's either the kids are hospitalized or I am hospitalized." The mail in Barnum and Seeley Hall, comes in on time, due to the fact that if the mail lady does not

show up, the resident advisors will distribute the mail themselves during the night.

According to Ms. Johnson, she is aware that resident advisors in Bodine do not normally distribute the mail during the absence of the mail lady, but this does not apply to Barnum and Seeley Hall.

Some residents feel that Ms. Lopez is not doing such a great job after all and that they should get their mail on Saturday, too. Ms. Johnson feels that mail should be distributed on Saturday as the present system causes a pile up of mail on Monday. Says Ms. Johnson, "I would be more than happy to come in on Saturday to distribute the mail."

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### High School from page 1

eral are accomplished musicians in the classical field. They play the piano, violin, flute and various other instruments. Some students, and a member of the staff participated in conjunction with UB students at the Halloween symphonietta which was held at the ABC building on October 28.

The syllabus stresses music, art, science and technology. However, the children are also involved in various informal activities such as sports, martial arts, ceramics and chorus.

The core subjects taught are English, math, geophysical science and some students learn chemistry. Although all courses are taught in English, Dr. Spurgin said, "What is unique about our school is that all students study Korean."

Dr. Spurgin teaches American History at the school. Three members of the faculty at UB Deana S. Schwartz, Ph.D., J. Reid White, M. Div., M.S. and Eunbok J. Yoon, M.S., teach part-time at New Eden Academy.

The main focus of the school is to be college preparatory, "And being in the environment of a university is an advantage," said Dr. Spurgin.

New Eden is renting Cooper Hall and Wisteria Hall and has a four year lease on them. Both buildings were in a state of extreme disorder. Renovations to Cooper Hall cost over \$350,000 and altogether, an estimated \$400,000 is expected to be spent. \$200,000 is being spent on Wisteria Hall, which will be used as an administration building. The buildings were fitted with new lights, fire alarms, floors, ceilings and carpeting. Everything has to meet federal and state regulations.

Asked how they liked the school, students at New Eden responded, "Cool!" and "Awesome!" the stressed, "We are more than just friends, we are like brothers and sisters."

These students are all either citizens of the United States, or green card holders, and come from places ranging from California to Maine to New York.

Students now stay in many different private residence and apartments scattered throughout the greater Bridgeport area and Fairfield. Some stay with families, and many with teachers.

Many students, whose families live

fairly close by, go home on weekends. Those who remains have the options of going to the mall, in-house movie on Friday and Saturday nights, field-trips or picnics. Chorus and music are offered on Saturdays.

Dr. Spurgin said that "these are a good bunch of kids that come from good homes and families."

The children reciprocated with, "The teachers are pretty good and out of class, are like friends and parents." Indeed, the teachers are acting in place of parents but seem to handle the switching roles easily without alienating the students.

The school has a doctor - a pediatrician - and a nurse on all round the clock as the state requires because the students are minors.

As in many schools, since students are minors, drugs, alcohol and smoking are prohibited. Sexual activity is banned, too. Students sign a pledge before being admitted. Sexual harassment is banned and as stated in the Code of Conduct, comments, gestures or jokes of a sexual nature are banned. The coeds goes into further detail to cover almost every situation possible.

This, though, is the common practice among religious schools, and New Eden does focus on the spiritual, as well as academic development and they provide the students with character education.

The school was evaluated by state officials and if it gets approval, as expected, it will move ahead with their plans to become a boarding school. Cooper Hall will accommodate all the students.

The attraction to the school being so close to UB is that, "it motivated the students and many have UB in mind as the university they want to attend," Michael Breslin, a teacher at the school said. He went on to say, "This brings a feeling of continuity in the educational life of the students."

Asked how the community here has received them, the high school students replied, "They are really nice," Mr. Breslin said, "The college community welcomed us warmly - students, faculty and staff."

Dr. Spurgin said that UB made it clear from the beginning that the school should establish its own programs and activities. "UB is gaining financially," he said, "through the rental of buildings and other facilities."

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## Newsroom

## CT News

**STAMFORD, Conn. (AP)** The Merritt Parkway will be receiving some new signs in 1999, the state Department of Transportation has announced.

Signs from the New York state line to Stratford will be replaced with signs with different lettering and a different shade of green.

The current signs have been fading and are more difficult for motorists to see at night, said John Carey, a DOT supervising engineer.

**MIDDLETOWN, Conn. (AP)** A 51-year-old man has died after his car crashed into a utility pole.

Peter Martin had been traveling on Washington Street at around 4:25 p.m. Saturday when his car crashed into a pole, causing live wires to fall on the car.

Emergency crews had to shut power off in the area before Martin could be removed from the car. He was taken to Hartford Hospital, where he later died. Witnesses told police the car had been swerving across the road before it crashed. Police were investigating the cause of the crash.

## World News

**BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP)** Perched atop cars and taxis, nearly 100 small wooden caskets were paraded through the Iraqi capital Sunday in a government-sponsored funeral procession for children whose deaths Iraq blames on U.N. sanctions.

**JERUSALEM (AP)** Israel's Cabinet voted Sunday to go forward with a promised troop withdrawal from the West Bank - but set no date and made the pullout conditional on Palestinians doing more to fight terrorism.

**PRAGUE, Czech Republic (AP)** Czech Premier Vaclav Klaus, who stepped down in the wake of a campaign financing scandal, formally handed in his government's resignation Sunday.

**NEW YORK (AP)** More than a month after financial woes in Asia scared the U.S. stock market into a serious fainting spell, Wall Street is still struggling to gauge the longer-term effects of the problem.

**MOSCOW (AP)** President Boris Yeltsin on Sunday postponed an unusual public meeting in which he planned

to call his Cabinet members on the carpet to account for the government's spotty performance.

**TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras (AP)** The 47-year-old newspaper owner, Carlos Flores Facusse, appeared to have won Sunday's presidential election in Honduras, defeating the widow of a former military president.

**MADRAS, India (AP)** Hindu-Muslim clashes triggered by the killing of a policeman left 12 people dead and 13 others injured Sunday in a southern city, police said.

Police shot and killed three persons while dispersing mobs that hurled rocks at each other and looted shops in Coimbatore city, said police chief P. Rajendran. The others were killed in the day-long clashes in the city, he said.

**JERUSALEM (AP)** Some 140,000 Israeli workers went on strike Sunday over wages, closing down local government offices and day care centers and limiting emergency services.

**MOSCOW (AP)** More than 500 police fanned out Sunday from the Siberian coal city of Kemerovo, searching for a man who killed three people, including a police officer, in a rampage with a knife.

**VATICAN CITY (AP)** Pope John Paul II on Sunday decried the plague of kidnappings in Colombia and appealed for the release of a bishop abducted a few days earlier.

Suspected leftist rebels kidnapped the bishop in the small, northeastern town of Tibu on Tuesday.

**GENEVA (AP)** A painting by Picasso and another by Miro and other art objects worth several million Swiss francs (dollars) have been stolen from a home in suburban Cerny, police said Sunday.



**VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP)** President Clinton ordered the federal government to close down for a holiday on Dec. 26, the day after Christmas.

With Christmas falling on Thursday this year, the president's action would give federal employees a four-day weekend.

**LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP)** A judge's ruling may do away with any motivation for lawyers to delve into the sexual history of a woman who has filed a sexual harassment lawsuit against President Clinton.

Paula Corbin Jones can amend her lawsuit to drop claims that an Arkansas state trooper tarnished her reputation by saying she was eager to be Clinton's mistress, U.S. District Judge Susan Weber Wright ruled Monday.

**JACKSONVILLE, Ark. (AP)** A state senator has asked President Clinton to come to the defense of the Little Rock Air Force Base because of concerns that the base might lose out on training for a new cargo plane.

Sen. Bill Gwatney said in the Nov. 6 letter that Clinton's assistance is crucial to prevent the base from "being destroyed." But Gwatney said Monday evening that he has heard of no plans to close the base.

**BERKELEY, Calif. (AP)** Hillary Rodham Clinton made a plea Monday for quick implementation of a new federal law designed to make it easier for the adoption of children in foster care.

**WASHINGTON (AP)** Clinton administration advisers are debating whether to recommend a "recess appointment" of Bill Lann Lee to the job of assistant attorney general for civil rights - a move that could alienate some Republicans.

## UC Berkeley columnist's apartment searched by secret service

**BERKELEY, Calif. (AP)** Secret Service agents searched the apartment of a University of California student columnist who exhorted his classmates to show their Big Game spirit "on Chelsea's bloodied carcass."

Agents searched senior Guy Branum's one-bedroom, off-campus apartment Monday morning, the same day Chelsea Clinton's mother, Hillary Rodham Clinton, visited the university to take part in a town hall meeting on foster care, Branum said Tuesday.

They did a brief search around 10 a.m., mostly to make sure he had no weapons and to satisfy themselves that he wasn't a threat, the history and political science major said.

"They wanted to make sure there wasn't anything that would demon-

strate mental instability on my part," he said. "No pictures of Chelsea with X's through them or something like that."

The Secret Service office in San Jose refused to confirm Branum's account or to comment on the situation. A White House spokeswoman also would not comment.

The column, which appeared Thursday in the Daily Californian, was intended to rally spirit against rival Stanford. It urged students to seize Stanford University's campus before Saturday's football game, which Stanford won, 21-20.

Besides revealing which dorm Chelsea, a freshman, lives in, Branum also wrote: "Show your spirit on Chelsea's bloodied carcass, because as the Stanford Daily (newspaper) lets us know, she is just another student."



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**ROYAL OAK, Mich. (AP)** Three men have been charged with using the Internet to distribute pictures of 17-year-old girls engaged in sex acts, Oakland County Prosecutor David Gorcyca announced Wednesday.

Royal Oak police and the prosecutor's office investigated a sex business called Act 1 Entertainment, which supplied exotic dancers for hire.

They discovered that owner William J. Heath "hired numerous underage girls as exotic dancers, and then had them photographed performing sex acts with himself and other employees," Gorcyca's office said in a news release.

Heath, 37, of Royal Oak then sold the pictures over the Internet, the statement said.

**WASHINGTON (AP)** Some call it the Internet of the future a version of the information superhighway so much faster, sleeker and more powerful that experts claim it'll bring radical changes in how the world communicates and does business.

And the new Internet has caught the eye of Illinois academic and political leaders who say that in the information age it could drive the state's economy — much as farming and transportation have in the past.

**NEW YORK (AP)** The state attorney general has filed a lawsuit against an Internet publisher based in Queens.

Dennis Vacco charges that the Woodside Literary Agency bilked aspiring authors out of marketing fees for bogus publishing contracts.

**NORRISTOWN, Pa. (AP)** As president and CEO of an Internet gambling company with international interests, Michael Simone isn't satisfied that his lawyers have kept him out of a Missouri jail for now.

He wants his passport released from Montgomery County, Pa., lockup, too.

Simone, of Internet Gaming and Communications Corp. based in the Philadelphia suburb of Blue Bell, was indicted in Missouri in June on a charge of promoting gambling.

## Internet News

### Company offers low-cost long-distance service over the Internet

**DALLAS (AP)** Beginning November 24, some long-distance callers will be able to utilize a service that allows calls to be made over the Internet without a computer and at a low cost.

The company offering the service, Net2Phone Direct, is among the first to attempt to transform Internet long distance into a reality for all customers—not just Internet experts.

The first generation of Internet phone products, made available two years ago, boasted about free calling but were difficult to operate.

People at both ends of a call had to download software and pay for Internet accounts. The quality could be as poor as that of a child's walkie-talkie. But the new service is as good as a mobile phone company.

Subscribers pay 8 cents a minute for calls within the United States whenever the call is made. Some international rates are nearly half that of rates offered to the same location by AT&T.

AT&T spokesman Chris Schein, said the plans aren't comparable.

Insiders say Internet calling may become a billion-dollar and several would-be providers are scrambling to be among the first to offer a usable system.

Using the Internet cuts down on the fees it must pay to telephone companies to complete the calls. The Internet computer equipment it uses also costs less than traditional phone networks.

Dallas is the third city to sample Net2Phone Direct, following Chicago and Cleveland. Austin and Houston are expected to be on line by Thanksgiving.



### Buffalo police nab prostitution customers through web page

*Fantasy Escort Service provides "escort" to county jail*

**BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP)** The woman on the Fantasy Escort Service on the Internet invites customers to use their credit cards to order an escort for the night.

What potential customers didn't realize, though, is that they were actually ordering an escort to the county jail.

The Fantasy Escort Service is a fake business the Buffalo Police Department created as part of a local crackdown that led to 684 prostitution-related arrests this year, compared with 116 arrests last year.

"It verified what we suspected that people were going to these escort services for prostitution purposes," Capt. Edward C. Hempling, chief of the Narcotics and Vice Bureau, told The Buffalo News Wednesday. "So we gave the customers a different kind of escort to jail."

The ad on the World Wide Web

became so popular, in fact, the police department was swamped with telephone calls from customers who wanted to pick up an escort. The men were unaware that the woman on the other end of the line was an undercover officer.

Police officials said they created the phony ad to undermine the business of several new escort services they believed were trying to recruit underage girls to work as prostitutes.

"One guy who was trying to set up an escort service was sending limousines to the homes of young girls," Lt. Kevin Kelly said. "He kept sending a limo to the home of a 14-year-old South Buffalo girl who lived with her grandmother."

Police in Buffalo, Orchard Park, and Tonawanda, arrested the owners of five escort services in recent months.

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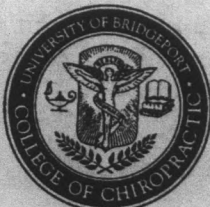
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### Health from page 1

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there ever an emergency, the Health Center will contact the hospital and inform the doctor what kind of treatments you might have had in the past, any diseases, and so forth, so that the hospital will know your medical history. The Health Center also has a counseling program for students who need someone to talk to about their problems. The program, like the services provided, is strictly confidential and run by Lynne Langella. The Health Center serves many purposes in the UB community.

The Health Center is visited by many students each month. From August to November of this year, over 1,800 students visited the center for everything ranging from immunizations to physicals to physician referrals, not just measles vaccination slips.

The Health Center is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 to 4:30. It is closed over the holidays, but not during the entire holiday break. The Health Center phone number is 576-4712 and the fax number is 576-4715.



## Campus Life



Himalayan Night performers get into the spirit of the night.

## Himalayan Night gathers 250 in Social Room

by Fabiola Trivino

The Himalayan Night was the social event that attracted the largest audience this semester at UB. It brought together many different groups of students to enjoy the culture of the Himalayan countries.

The Social Room of the Student Center was packed, as those attending the program came to see the Himalayan outfits and the traditional dances, to listen to the music of the region, and to taste Himalayan food. The participating countries were India, Nepal, Pakistan, and Burma. Students from other countries such as Nigeria, the United States, and Ecuador also contributed to the evening.

A lot of UB students said that the event was one of the best of the semester. "The attendance was enough evidence of the success of

the party," said UB sophomore Bamba Fall. He added that he was amazed how bigger clubs at the University haven't been able to achieve what the Himalayan Club has, even though it is a fairly small club.

Pradeep Paudyal, president of the Himalayan Club, said that he was satisfied with the results. "I'm very grateful to the people that attended the event and to all the staff that worked with the Himalayan Club, especially to those people that, although they were from other countries, were willing to help us," he said.

One of the highlights of the evening was the Bhangra, one of the Indian dances, was performed twice due to its popularity among the audience. The event was held on November 21 from 9 p.m. to 12 a.m., and approximately 250 people attended.

## President James H. Halsey — a man of action

by Abrar S. Fakhri

James H. Halsey was a kind-hearted and enthusiastic leader, a great visionary, and a great president of the University of Bridgeport. Born on May 11, 1906, Halsey showed leadership capacities early. He was called to the Junior College of Connecticut in 1938 as assistant to President E. Everett Cortright, the founder of the college.

Deeply involved in the college administration, Halsey was appointed acting president when Cortright went on leave of absence in November 1945. He became the second president of the university on October 1, 1946.

Halsey was facing a big challenge. Bridgeport's growing economy demanded an institution which would offer not only two-year associate programs but also bachelor's degrees. By 1944, a large number of veterans had enrolled in the college under the GI Bill. Booming enrollment added to the challenge.

In September of 1946, James Halsey came up with a five-year plan. He proposed that the Marina Campus become the new main campus of the college. A resolution put forward the objectives of the plan: the facilities would be increased, the college would become a four-year institution, the public relations efforts would be strengthened, and the changes would be financed by establishing "the habit of giving" on the part of donors.

Halsey wanted the college to expand and grow based on the principles of E. Everett Cortright, for whom he had great respect and admiration.

By 1948, the work for the five-year plan had begun. To the Junior College of Connecticut, the College of Arts and Science, and the College of Business Administration, and the College of Nursing were added in September 1948. Work began by building the student lounge and the Marina Dining Hall, the first facilities on the Marina campus. By 1951, it was evident that the University of Bridgeport was here to stay.

After the "struggling years," the University of Bridgeport experienced enormous growth, largely due to the impressive support of the Board of Trustees, to whom President Halsey and Vice-President Henry W. Littlefield reported. In particular, both H. Almond Chaffee and Sara J. Cooper, after whom two of the university's dormitories are named today, provided not only financial assistance but also wise advice whenever they were called upon for help. The trustees worked together to support the university. In one case, Mrs. Cooper donated \$30,000 and a house in Brooklyn. Isaac E. Schine, another contributor, raised \$50,000 from the sale of the house.

President Halsey also was involved in the process of finding other donors. He wrote to Charles A. Dana, the wealthiest man in Connecticut at that time. Mr. Dana was so inspired that he donated \$350,000 for the construction of Dana Hall, and \$425,000 of the \$800,000 needed to build Eleanor Naylor Dana Hall, named for his wife.

The Halseys liked to travel. Wherever they went in the world, they would meet with the education leaders in that country. The Halseys wanted to bring students from all over the world. They set up committees in different countries to raise funds to sponsor a student to come to the United States. The students would stay with a host family and attend the University of Bridgeport.

The Halseys even provided transportation for students who were not otherwise able to come to the university. The kindness they spread around the world will always be remembered in the hearts of the students who came to a foreign country and were treated as if they were family. Many student gatherings were held in Halsey House, located on University Avenue.

When he retired from the post of president in 1962, Halsey stayed on as chancellor. As long as he lived, he was busy with university affairs. James Halsey died on March 23, 1978.

## Student Poll

What do you think about the new high school at UB?



high school life."

"If the high school students wish to go to a boarding school its their choice but when they do go to college, I think they will miss having a traditional

Meghan McDonnell



now."

"It doesn't really affect us. Initially, the idea did not seem welcoming, but we aren't faced with any problems right

Christian Salvatori



"It draws away from the college atmosphere when you see these young kids running around."

Angela Currie



"It's nice to see young people on campus. It's right time to show them what UB have."

Sungryong Vung



"I do some volunteer work of the New Eden Academy. I enjoy it a lot. They are nice kids

Stephan van Winden



"I don't like the idea of having high school kids mix with college students."

Ikenna Emelelm

## UB Jazzes it up

by Geetha Tharmaratnam

UB was treated to the mellow sounds of music in the Littlefield Recital Hall on November 25. The concert was courtesy of the World Music Ensemble and the UB Jazz Ensemble.

They performed to a surprisingly large crowd as people turned out in force, in anticipation of the long awaited program. The hall was almost completely filled with one of the largest audiences seen during this concert season.

The World Music Ensemble, a multicultural group with members from the U.S., Japan and China, was formed to celebrate diverse music from around the world. For the concert they played two gospel songs, a salsa tune, and two songs from Haiti.

The UB Jazz Ensemble performed six songs, all of which were

well-received by the enthusiastic crowd. Ted Piltzecker, head of the Jazz Department, introduced the performers and the music.

Three instrumentalists were not part of UB. There was John Trombetta, a trumpet player from New York, Tim Cooper, a pianist from Stratford, Anthony De Quattro, a drummer from Connecticut, and Steven Clarke, a bassist from Bridgeport. It was commented that many of the student musicians had improved tremendously and that there is talent here at UB. Among the students playing were Frank Derico, Francisco Planas, and Edwin Rivera.

The audience left satisfied as the evening was well spent. As Ryan Skelley remarked later, "it was very good." It remains to be seen if the music department can outdo itself by providing a better show. The next concert will be held on December 9 at 7 p.m.



## Computer system upgraded, viruses kicked out

by Naiden Stoyanov

On the edge of the 21st century the computer is a vital component for anyone who wants to be part of the world. As a place of different cultures and nationalities, UB is one of the starting points of human diversity. In this matter, more and more students need more and more computers, and the need of new and better facilities becomes obvious.

This is one of the reasons for the recent upgrading of some of the systems at UB. The virus-infected lab in the Tech building is powered by 8 Pentiums, running on 200 MHz with 64 Mb of RAM - top configuration for a PC on the market at this point in time. No more viruses are expected there after the uploading of new anti-viral software.

According to Anand Katragadda, director of academic computing, 32

PCs are coming a new lab which will be connected to the Internet. The faculty decided to establish it on the second floor of the student center. The lab is expected to be open 12 hours a day, even on weekends. This will hopefully satisfy the current demand for Internet connections, but it will not be good news for the University's one and only Internet server.

The server is now more than 5 years old and handles more than 350 connections at a time. This speed is equal to one of the new PCs. For better performance, the system needs an upgrade, which according to Anand, will cost about \$150,000.

The price that UB pays for the direct T1 connection to the Internet now is \$30,000 a year, a faster line, T3, would be over \$10,000 a month. The current demand is still at acceptable levels, though.

However the current demand for maintenance of the system is above the normal limit for one person.

"I need more staff, but there is no allocation in the budget for it" said Mr. Katragadda, complaining about how he supports the whole system alone. He also said that he receives tons of e-mail everyday, with many inquiries

from students and faculty, and he is the one that has to give an answer or go on location to help.

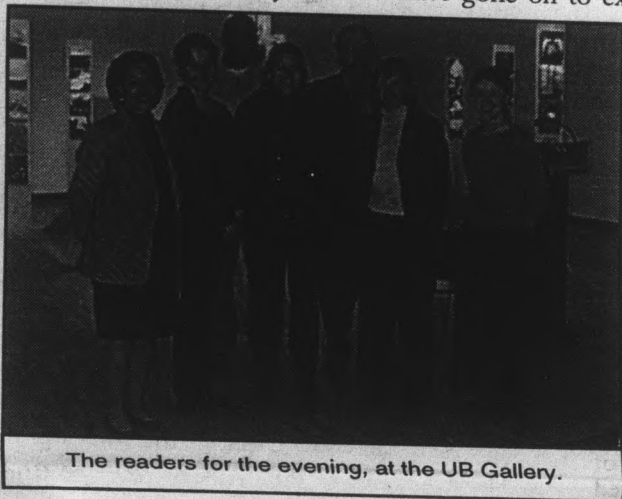
Bigger, better, faster, and more is the Olympic motive which is also true for the new computer technology and the Internet. In order to be a respected university, UB should comply with these four categories and even be competitive in them. In the computer world tomorrow is already today, and there is no place for yesterday.

## Poetry reading revived at UB

by Sharon Loh

Students and faculty of UB got together to make A Night with the Muse a success on Tuesday, December 2, 1997.

The poetry reading, organized by Professor Dick Allen and Melisaa Cehajic was held in the UB Gallery. The audience was surrounded by the talented art of Paul Tekeuchi and Gregg Griffin, artists who Professor Kaz McCue had described as "story-tellers."



The readers for the evening, at the UB Gallery.

Professor Allen started with a brief introduction of the evening's events and Melissa Cehajic, who introduced the rest of the readers, begin with her three poems. The rest of the readers were Professor Lori Allen, Louis Ray, Ana Kleshelskaya, Professor Sharyn Skeeter, Claudia Konyalian and Professor Allen ended the reading. Each of the readers that came up gave a brief introduction to their poem that they were going to read. Unlike the

others, Ana Kleshelskaya read short excerpts from her short fiction story.

According to Professor Allen, UB has a tradition of poetry readings and many students have gone on to excel in the creative writing field. Approximately 30 people attended the reading, which was the figure Professor Dick Allen had been expecting. Refreshments were served after the reading and many of the people who attended stayed on to talk to the readers of the evening.

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## Reviews

## Music Reviews

by John Rosenthal

## Joan Jett's "Heartbeats"



Hailed as the "godmother to female musicians" by The New York Times, Joan Jett is back. Mercury and BlackHeart records have compiled a best hits collaboration by Joan Jett and the Heartbeats.

Joan who is also known for her supporting of women's causes and charities is celebrating her place as Rock 'N' Roll icon with the collection of her greatest hits album titled *Fit To Be Tied-- Greatest Hits* by Joan Jett and the Blackhearts. The album includes 15 classic songs from her career including, "I Love Rock 'N' Roll," "Bad Reputation," "I hate Myself for Loving You" as well as a cover of the Sly & the Family Stone classic, "Everyday People." She even includes a rocked-up version of the old "Mary Tyler Moore" theme song, "Love Is All Around" which is now the anthem for the women's college basketball league.

With all of those hits, plus more, how could you go wrong. The songs are a good reminder of how far musicians with loud guitars and idealistic dreams can go and the album is worth buying, fan, or no fan.

## The Devlins' "Waiting"



The Devlins, a Dublin-based band is made up of two brothers, Peter and Colin Devlin and a third member, Sean Devitt. The second album from this band has been heavily anticipated by fans and critics alike, since their first album, "Drift" was one that earned them a good deal of respect in the world of alternative rock. This album, "Waiting," released under Universal Records and produced by Pierre Marchand is 10 slow, very pure, tracks that don't really seem to fit in to any particular scene, or what might be considered "fashionable," but the songs themselves are pretty good. If you happen to have some extra money lying around, this album would be a good way of spending it.

## Movie Review

## Clint Eastwood's

## Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil

by Diana Vaptzarova

"Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil," Clint Eastwood's twentieth movie, "drags on even longer than its title," as CNN put it.

Well, maybe we have to look deeper than that. "The English Patient" was also slow, but it did win many Oscars.

The circumstances around "Midnight," as we will call it for short, are quite interesting. It is an adaptation of John Berendt's best selling novel about a murder trial in Savannah, Georgia and is actually filmed in the city where it took place in the book.

The story revolves around Jim Williams (Kevin Spacey), who is an antiques dealer and wealthy owner of Mercer House, one of the most notable mansions in Savannah. Following a black-tie Christmas party, William is charged with the murder of his young assistant. Claiming self-defense, Williams is forced to reveal his gay lifestyle, the details of which could certainly damage his case.

The actor, Kevin Spacey, has been an interesting figure in Hollywood lately. He participated in movies like "A Time to Kill," "Seven," "Outbreak," and "The Usual Suspects," the latter of which won him the 1995 Academy Award for Best Supporting Actor.

The other principal character in the movie is a John Cusack. He plays John Kelso, a New York writer for Town and Country magazine who goes to Savannah to cover the Christmas party thrown by Williams. The character decides to stay in the city and write a book about the events that occur at the party. He tries to use Jim Williams and Savannah for his book and in the end he realizes that maybe they were using him too.

John Cusack has recently starred in the critically acclaimed "Grosse Pointe Blank," a comedy that he produced and co-wrote, as well as the boxoffice hit "Con Air," with Nicholas Cage and John Malcovich.

One of the characters, The Lady Chablis, is actually playing herself in real life. She was a star of Savannah, Georgia nightlife when John Berendt wrote about her in his bestseller. Chablis is a transvestite, born Ben-

jamin Edward Knox, who takes hormones to achieve a feminine shape and wears only female clothing. "As far as I could reckon, and no matter what anybody else thought, I was really a li'l girl, with candy, just like the lord had instructed," she said.

When asked what it was like working with The Lady Chablis, John Cusack replied: "It was great because she's a, well he's a, I mean she's a very gifted comedian and stage performer and I went to see her show in Savannah and it was absolutely hilarious..."

Clint Eastwood claims that his movie is different from anything else "I've ever done before or seen before."

Walking in the streets of Savannah, Clint Eastwood, noticed the sign, "The Book for Sale Here." He thought, "...well, we're in the South, maybe that means 'The Bible.' The book is actually John Berendt's 'Midnight...'"

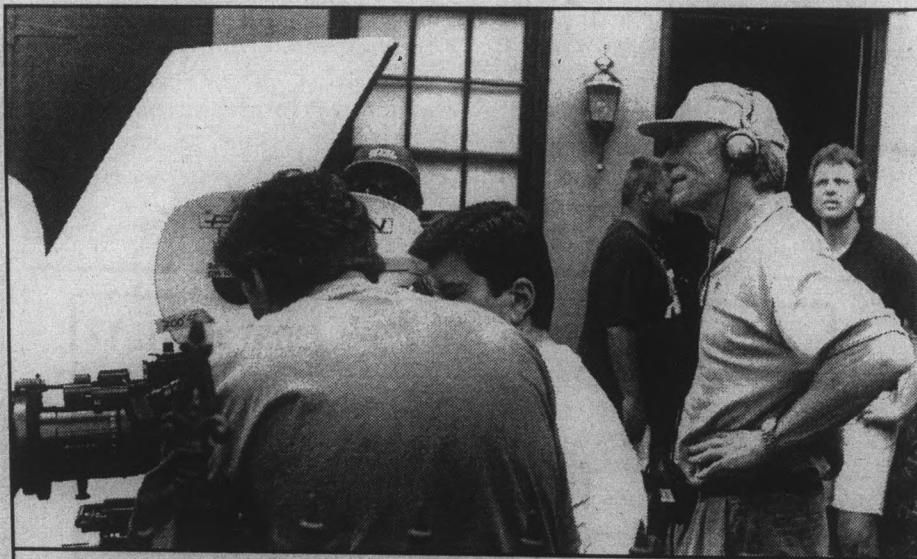
"Midnight" concentrates on the story rather than special effects or action. CNN reviewer Paul Tamara wrote, "I've never read [the book], but



Kevin Spacey as Jim Williams, the wealthy antiques dealer and homosexual who is charged with murder.

after sitting through Eastwood's endless film version of the story, I'd be willing to bet that I'm now familiar with every square inch of it, excluding the font and binding technique."

The movie is a Warner Bros. presentation of a Malpas production in association with Silver Pictures and was released on November 21, 1997.



Clint Eastwood on the set of his latest movie, "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil."

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## R.I.P. Beavis and Butt-Head

Here lie Beavis and Butt-Head, R.I.P. Born: March 8, 1993. Died: November 28, 1997. They were—and always will be—14.

A suggested epitaph from their creator, Mike Judge: "They never scored."

Our nation's most beloved (or despised) head-banging, video-addicted, hormonally-challenged, under-achieving, fire-loving, fast food-serving delinquents are hanging it up after 4 1/2 fun-filled (or frightening) years on MTV.

Why? Why cut down the inventors of frog baseball, the two dimmest bulbs at Highland High, before they

ever turn twenty-something?

"It's funny," says Judge, the mind behind (heh, heh) the menace once labeled "Comic Cretins" by The New York Times. "I can imagine them down to babies, and I can imagine them 60 years old. But I have trouble imagining those adult years."

What Judge jokingly refers to as "Beavis and Butt-Head's Last Waltz" is actually entitled "Beavis and Butt-Head Are Dead." The finale aired Friday, Nov. 28, at 10 p.m. Eastern.

The boys don't really die; MTV is not about to kill the goose that laid

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## Showbiz NEWS

Hutchence buried, 2,000 attend funeral  
Michael Hutchence, lead singer of the Australian group INXS, was buried last Thursday, attracting more than 2,000 people to the funeral service at the St. Andrew's Anglican Cathedral. Hutchence was found hanged in a Sydney hotel room the previous Saturday, only days before the band's tour, "Lose Your Head," was to start. (AP)

Michael Jackson to have a second child  
Michael Jackson is jumping, maybe even moonwalking, with joy. His wife is expected to deliver the couple's second child in May, a girl who will be named Paris Michael Katherine Jackson. Jackson and his wife, Rowe, a nurse for one of his doctors, were married last November in Australia and had their first baby last February. Rowe lives in Los Angeles. She often visits Jackson and their 9-month-old son, Prince Michael Jackson Jr., at the Neverland Ranch in Los Olivos, about 100 miles northwest of Los Angeles. (AP)

### Melrose Place producer sued

The president of Spelling Television, Aaron Spelling, testified last Wednesday that he was surprised that actress Hunter Tylo was pregnant and believed it would interfere with the seductress role she was hired to play in Melrose Place. Hunter Tylo has filed a suit against his company for firing her in 1996 from a four-year contract when she became pregnant before shooting started. (AP)

O.J. Simpson's former estate purchased  
O.J. Simpson's former Brentwood estate has finally been purchased by an investment banker.

The 6,200-square-foot estate was sold for slightly less than the \$3.95 million asking price, with the sale expected to be completed within three weeks. Simpson purchased the estate for \$650,000 twenty years ago. (AP)

### Kennedy asks Spielberg to premiere "Amistad" in Newport

U.S. Rep. Patrick Kennedy has invited Steven Spielberg to give Newport an early Christmas present: a premiere of his new movie, "Amistad." Newport officials feel snubbed because the movie, filmed partly in Newport in March and April, will premiere in Warwick at Showcase Cinemas. (AP)

### B&B from page 8

(heh, heh) the golden egg. Expect B&B to appear in re-runs indefinitely and in the occasional special.

Predictably, the boys botch their own farewell. In a deft twist on the old Huck Finn story, Judge's demented Peter Pans watch reaction to their demise—where else?—on the battered TV that ordinarily beams Ozzy Osbourne into their living room.

Classmate Daria Morgendorffer is less than moved by the premise of Beavis and Butt-Head gone on to their final reward.

"I guess it's kind of sad that they're dead and all," she observes dryly in the episode. "But it's not like they had great futures ahead of them."

Yes, but (heh, heh) what pasts. The boys burst on the scene four years ago and created an immediate sensation.

They were harassed over a fatal 1993 fire in Ohio, when a mother said they had encouraged her toddler to set the blaze. They were criticized by Mister Rogers and misidentified by Sen. Ernest Hollings, D-S.C., as "Buffcoat and Beaver."

They appeared on the covers of Newsweek and Rolling Stone, "authored" a best-selling book, anchored a feature film, dueted with Cher on their own CD (memorably entitled "The Beavis and Butt-Head Experience").

Like lobotomized Frank Sinatras with a taste for heavy metal, B&B did it their way.

## 'La Bohème' attracts 2,000, some sneak without tickets



by Diana Vaptzarova

"I have been here for four years and I've never seen such professional production at UB," noted Frank Derico, a senior in music performance. "It is so nice that the Bridgeport community could come together on a night like this. I feel really proud," said Emiko Sato, also a senior in the Music Department.

In celebration of its 70th anniversary, UB invited the Henry Street Settlement Opera Production Group to present Puccini's famous opera—La Bohème.

The opera, held in the Arnold Bernhard Center, was performed on Friday, November 21, at noon, and in the following evening. Many people arrived at the Saturday venue, filling the entire hall. The audience included not only students and faculty but also alumni and other guests.

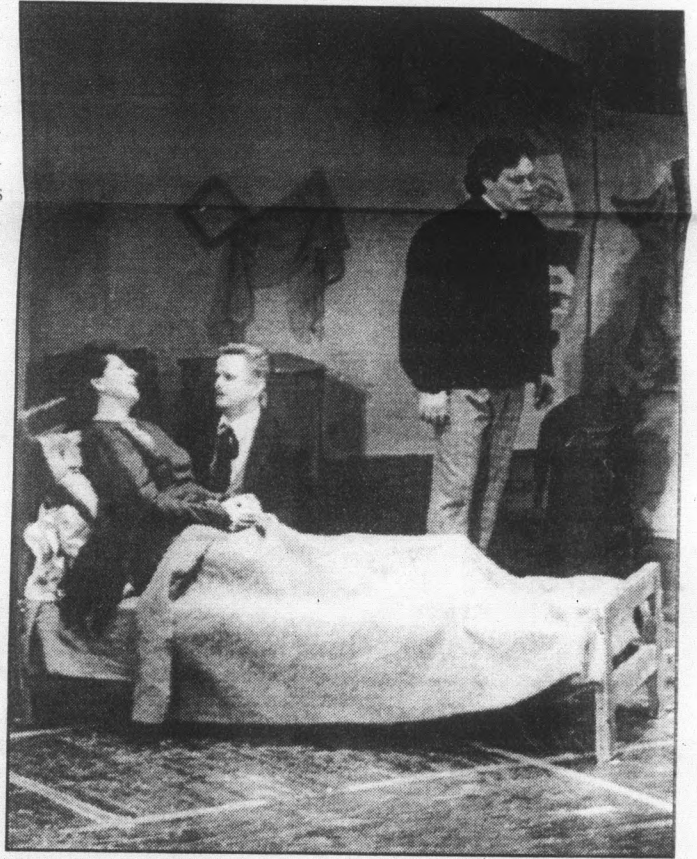
La Bohème, an opera in four acts, was prepared by a total crew of 73 people, a cast of 10, a chorus of 8, an orchestra of 30 and many others. Stage director is Roberto Stivanello, the two principal singers are Jennifer Lopez and Keith James Workowski on Friday, and Tamara Kaufman and again Workowski on Saturday, due to the sudden illness of the other male singer—Alejandro Guerrero.

As director of the School of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, Dr. Thomas Juliusburger,

hosted the event, launching the performance and making announcements during the intermissions. He said that what a theater needs is "people in the seats and action on the stage."

Reportedly, 638 tickets were sold on Friday and 868 on Saturday, however, many people entered without buying tickets, filling the whole theater. Some singers told Mr. Juliusburger that they had never performed in front of so many people. Their theater in New York City has a capacity for 325 seats only.

The opera crew rehearsed two months to prepare the whole production. Emiko Sato was the only UB student that took part. Another student had transportation problems and gave up. Emiko, however, went to New York



City three times a week to practice and as the performance got closer she had to be there every day. Even though it was difficult for her to travel so far, she said it was worth it. "I think it is such a good experience for a student to be around professionals." Her advice to other students is also to "get involved in extracurricular activities and not only study for school."

Puccini's opera presents a story about the love of a poet, Rodolfo, and a young lady, Mimi. Mimi becomes very sick and eventually dies in the arms of her lover. In contrast to the first three acts, the final act ends very dramatically leaving people in the audience with tears in their eyes.

The celebration of UB's 70th anniversary ended with a party reception during which the opera cast mixed with the audience. Some of the singers claimed it was a fabulous experience for them and the audience was "extraordinarily sympathetic."

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## Miscellaneous



Paul Takeuchi, second from left, among UB faculty.

## UB Gallery's exhibition lacks student participation

by Michelle Sjostedt

The University Gallery is presenting an exhibition of paintings and sculpture by artists Paul Takeuchi and Gregg Griffin starting November 19, continuing through December 20, 1997. The reason for having both artists shown at the same time is a simple one, as explained by gallery manager Kaz McCue, "Both artists are storytellers, each explaining their stories in different ways, but still managing to evoke the same feelings."

Takeuchi is a photographer, though his show can be described more as sculpture, something he calls "Visual Haiku." The sculptures are composed of black and white photographs mounted on oak planks, rising out of a mound of sand on the floor. Each sculpture represents a poetic emotion: angling from death, childhood, the struggle for communication and loss. In this setting, one gets a feeling of a "forest of poetry," because the themes running throughout his work flow together into one main work of art.

Griffin's paintings are less complex than Takeuchi's work; he has one universal "everyperson" as the focal point in his acrylic paintings, amid bright colors and simple brush work, symbolizing a mixture of religion and expressionism. He explains it as, "a clean, crisp alternative to the tangled mess of

the written word and the overwhelming explosion of electronic images in today's art world."

Along with Takeuchi and Griffin's work, there was a small exhibit of art work done by students. In contrast to the clean and almost austere look of the other works, the students worked mainly with computer graphics and put it together rapidly, but it still manages to convey promise in the caliber of their artistic expression. Even Takeuchi, who came to the Artists' Reception on Nov. 2 agreed, saying, "The students work is good, especially with their use of all the technology available to them nowadays."

Yet, with all on campus events, the gallery lacks in student participation. At the reception, there were only a handful of students in attendance, aside from the one's who were working at the gallery. The gallery is actually one of the premiere exhibition spaces in the Northeast, as Mr. McCue explained, it's only going to become better in future months. He's just been awarded the Richard Floreshine Grant, and is planning as far ahead as 1999, for his plans with the gallery.

A catalogue is going to be forthcoming, as well as several more appearances from artists. With this, along with several other events, the gallery may be one of the things to finally get students on campus involved.

## SMARTcards to replace quarters in dorms

by Seemanthi Borkotoky

By December 4, the university will have all the washer machines and dryers on campus retrofitted with SmartCards. This card has a small computer embedded in it that interacts with the machines in order to operate them. The machines will no longer accept quarters.

David Oestreicher, director of residential life and judicial affairs, said that the system has been changed in order to solve the problem of finding enough quarters. According to him, the machine manufacturers, MacGray Co., agreed to give only one change machine, located in Bodine Hall, for the entire campus.

This led to a lot of complaints from the residents of Barnum and Seeley as they have a constant problem of acquiring change from the R.A.'s office. He added that a lot of other

universities, like Fairfield University and University of Connecticut, already operate on such cards.

"I'm pretty sure that these cards will make life easier for the students," he said.

There will be two options available for students. They could either buy a card worth \$5 or \$45. Each \$1 equals one wash or dry cycle. Once the card is over, value can be added to it from a "Value Adding Station," which will be located in Bodine and Barnum lounges.

Student's reaction to this system has been fairly positive. Spencer Clark feels that the card system would solve the problem of change but he's not completely satisfied, as the university will not take responsibility for lost cards. His views are shared by Ola Ogunye who says that if she loses her card, anyone who finds it will be able to use it.

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# Holiday Greetings





## International students find it hard to get jobs

by Dale Carnegie

A majority of the students on campus are international, from all parts of the world. They face a reoccurring problem each year. They find themselves in a situation where they have to worry about the costs of college instead of their school work.

It is the little expenses of college life that can drive a student bankrupt. Incoming international students face this problem every year, because finding a job on campus can be very difficult for them.

Getting a job on campus requires that you possess a social

security card. It just so happens that the process of getting this card takes at least a month, and, unfortunately, by that time all the jobs on campus are taken.

If you are not in this situation, it might be hard to see how serious this problem is, but when a person doesn't have money to buy soap, or do laundry, this problem can be dangerous.

"Something has to be done," said Sanjay Yadav. "It can be hard to focus on school when you have other things on your mind. Take it from me when you are worrying about outside problems,

your school work will go downhill," he said.

An alternative of a on-campus job, employment off-campus, is too risky to be attempted. International students are not allowed to work off-campus before they complete two semesters in the United States.

A lot of the jobs on campus are on a first come first served basis, and some places even reserve the

positions of their former employees.

There is nothing illegal about the way employment on campus runs, but if this continues, the problem for the incoming international student will never end.

Maybe a certain amount of jobs for international students reserved each year, so that they are not left with empty pockets.

## A bit ironic, don't you think?

by Ana Kleshelskaya

I know I'm not the only one. I'm not the only one wandering around campus, thinking, has the semester really started or are we here due to some ironic and bizarre coincidence? Not to mention (and moan) once again about the lack of social action, academics, too, but it leaves you wondering.

Known to the UB students (to the point of annoyance), is Betty Friedan's idea of a focal problem for women — "the problem without a name."

Well, UB students must have been experiencing this problem for a while — lack of direction, and often, lack of challenge. I know that these are meant to be the happiest and most fun years of our life, but I figured a lot of us are starting to doubt it.

Certainly, it is appealing to stop by the suddenly revived, but still falling apart Conty's, and start the weekend as early as Tuesday, but, I mean really, there has to be something more to student life than getting your hands tied up in credit card debts, drinking every other night, and socializing in the line for the food you wish you never saw!

Here's something else, not for a comparison, of course, but rather for your general information. You would expect that a conventional American university would offer in the fall semester an abundance of new core and major courses.

New courses, if any, raise a faint hope that once they are here, they will make a change and a healthy challenge. It's hard to have a challenge, though, if the only thing that's new is the name of the course, and the only people wishing for a challenge are virtually nonexistent.

So then those people still seeking a challenge are left with Mahatama Gandhi's "be the change you want to see in the world," and have to talk directly with the faculty, taking a variety of independent studies.

Didn't you wonder at some point who actually works out the schedule for each semester? In the end, some of us are left strangled with 18 credits, while the rest carelessly linger with 12, if you consider that a load.

I'm not trying to complain about how hard life can get with not enough things to do, but, my dear fellow students, think about it — aren't we here to receive some education and leave at least a faint trace of some kind of knowledge in the brain thoroughly tainted with alcohol, smoke and parties?


Core classes also present a niche kind of denial: everyone dreads the day you have to sign for the core classes, and yet all of them are booked to the limit each semester. Fine, I can accept that. But what happens when enrollment goes up by 24%? Does it mean that sitting in line at the registrar's office is not only long but also pointless? Granted, nobody knew "for a fact" how many of the enrolled students are actually going to show up at school until classes actually start. However, if one was to consider the strategy of "preparing for the worst," it would not be excessively difficult to predict that the core classes might need new sections.

It came as a little bit of a surprise that only after the official deadline for class registration it was announced that some of the core classes have opened extra sections to accommodate the students. Doesn't it remind you of a "death row pardon two minutes too late," situation?

Maybe, if one fine morning we were to be awakened from a long dream of aimless partying to a whole new trend of major-related classes, the sleeping beauty of the student body would embrace it with a kiss of acceptance. Granted, everyone likes to party and relax, and the student body presents a majority of them.

But then again, there are freaks who like the challenge and want to prepare for our mutual competitive future, when no one will offer classes on how to manage with life.

Not to preach about the value of education, it's nice to learn while you are young, but remember your college years not only for the abundance of good beer, but also for the abundance of good classes.



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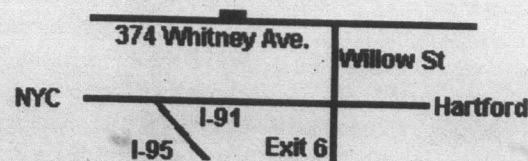
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## Sports

## Famous Pizza Classic brings joy to basketball fans



by Dale Carnegie

On November 15, UB's men basketball team played Mercy College in their opener of the Famous Pizza Classic.

This tournament marked the beginning of a season that looked to be shattered by injuries. UB took the court filled with nervousness and doubtfulness, as they did not know what to expect from the Mercy team. That didn't stop them from trying their best and doing what they love.

Eric Wooten scored 18-points to lead Mercy college to a 69-67 upset win over UB in the men's semi-final of the Famous Pizza Classic at the Harvey Hubbell Gymnasium.

UB may have lost this game but it wasn't because they didn't try their best; it was just because it was anyone's game. In the final half, unfortu-

nately, Mercy put together a small scoring spurt that sealed the game.

Mercy rallied from an 11 point half-time deficit, 37-26, to grab the lead at 47-49 on a lay-up by Rob Hoffer with 10:39 to play. UB had an excellent chance to win when a Mercy player missed three foul shots in the final seconds. Unfortunately, DeVonne Parker's runner at the buzzer popped out of the basket.

Rob Hoffer played an excellent game for Mercy as he contributed 15 points. Michael Graves added 13 points in the win over UB. Jamie Stewart played a brilliant game for UB as he devastated Mercy's defense. Jamie scored 22 points and passed the ball for 8 assists. He played an all-around game, getting his teammates involved and at the same time utilizing his own offense.

Stewart's teammate, DeVonne

Parker, also had a great game. He contributed 16 points in the loss, and he also hit the board pulling down 6 rebounds. Jamie Rowe also looked very impressive. He scored 13 points and pulled down 8 rebounds.

It was a difficult way to start the season by losing their first game on their own home court, but UB's basketball team learned from their mistakes and they moved on the next game.

UB welcomed their next opponent, which was St. Joseph college on November 16. UB's men basketball team was pumped for this game.

It was clear that UB meant business at the start of this game. They played a good game from start to finish, they shut down St. Joseph's offense and kept their big men off the boards. UB played with pure fire and determination. It is clear that he stresses aggressive defense and sound offensive execution.

They hit the boards with pure intensity, they shut down the lanes, and they were constantly in the faces of the opposing players.

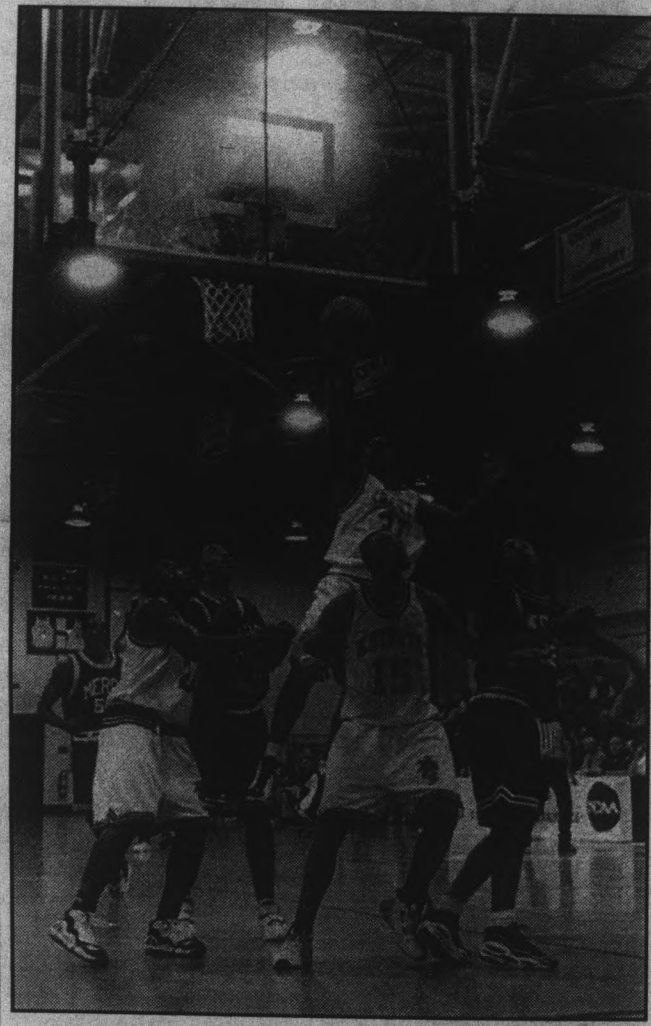
Jamie Stewart played a huge game as he set the tone for the entire game. He destroyed the St. Joseph defense, scoring 29 points and contributing 8 rebounds. He also helped out on the defensive end with 4 steals.

DeVonne Parker also did a lot of damage, he had another great game. He devastated St. Joseph by scoring 23 points and ripping down 7 boards. Jamie Rowe scored 10 points and crashed the boards, pulling down 6 rebounds. Jamie is only a freshman but that doesn't stop him from playing a huge game.

Alloyne Jeffrey also contributed greatly to the game as he scored 13 points and pulled down 7 rebounds.

It is true that UB's basketball team is hurt by injuries, but that doesn't stop them from being a dangerous team.

Coach Webster has a great group of guys and they have the skill and the will to make this an unbelievable season. They play with something that isn't seen often, and that is heart.



## UB soccer teams produce New England all-conference players

by Dale Carnegie

The soccer season is over and it left with a bang. UB's soccer teams just finished a great season of competition. The girl's soccer team dominated on the field this year as they had a sensational year finishing with a 11-4-1 record. The men's soccer team finished with a record of 8-6. On each of these teams there were certain players that excel in their game. Players from both the girls and the boys team made the All Conference teams and received awards for their exceptional playing.

In the men's league, Mark Moore from New Hampshire College and Michael Petke from Southern Connecticut State were named New England Collegiate Conference (NECC) men's soccer Co-players of the year. These guys had an outstanding year, so much so that the conference coaches had a hard time finding any fault in their game. They tied as a result of the voting by the conference coaches.

Southern Connecticut State Head Coach Tom Lang was named Coach

of the Year by his peers after guiding his number one ranked team to a 19-0-1 regular season record. He coached his team to their second straight NECC championship.

Players that played at the top of their games and demonstrated outstanding leadership and sportsmanship were selected for the 1997 NECC men's soccer All-conference Team. Anyone who knows about the All-conference team knows that it takes a lot of hard work and dedication to make the team. Players that stood out on their teams showed that they have what it takes to be a member of the All Conference team.

Simon Kay and Magnus Nilerud from UB were selected for the Men's Soccer All-Conference Team. These two guys played with a lot of heart and dexterity and that is why they were given the honor of playing on the All-Conference Team. They showed that they have the talent and the determination to be successful. These guys not only play soccer as teammates but they are also roommates. They complement each other very well. They will

no doubt be an excellent addition to the All Conference Team.

The girl's soccer team also produced some All-Conference players. The girl's soccer team put UB on the map this year. They are known and feared all around the league by almost every team. This team is composed of very talented players which made it very hard for the Conference Coaches to make their decision.

Franklin Pierce College's junior forward Paulina Miettinen was named the New England Collegiate Conference Women's Soccer player of the year. Also honored was UB's own coach Joe Barroso. He was named Coach of the Year for leading the girl's soccer team to an 11-4-1 record and a fourth place finish in their division. UB surpassed all expectations this year as they were chosen to only finish seventh this year. They showed the whole league what they were made of by finishing big in their division.

UB had many outstanding players this year, unfortunately, only a few could be chosen for the All-Conference team. Jen Svelnys, Sarah

Warfield, and Linda Ohlander were honored by the coaches and were selected for the All-Conference Team. These three ladies played some unbelievable soccer this year; they were a big reason why the girl's soccer team had such a great season. They trained hard and they played on another level. Without a doubt they will make UB very proud.

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